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### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

RESIDENTIAL CAPITAL, LLC, et al.,

Debtors.

Case No. 12-12020 (MG)

Chapter 11

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SECOND INTERIM APPLICATION OF PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS CO-COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013

# SUMMARY SHEET PURSUANT TO UNITED STATES TRUSTEE GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FILED UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 330

Name of Applicant: Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

Role in Case: Co-Counsel to Official Committee of

Unsecured Creditors

Petition Date: May 14, 2012

Retention Date: September 19, 2012

Second Interim Period: January 1, 2013 to April 30, 2013

Fees Requested: \$349,099.50

Expenses Requested: \$13,706.60

Total Amount Requested: \$362,806.10

Total Amount Received for the Second

Interim Period: \$292,986.20

This is an **Interim** Fee Application.

#### **Total Compensation and Expenses Previously Requested and Awarded:**

Date Filed	Docket No.	Period Covered	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Approved Fees	Approved Expenses
03/13/13	3162	09/19/12 – 12/31/13	\$341,678.75	\$4,268.85	\$332,996.75	\$4,055.05

### <u>Summary of Monthly Compennsation and Expenses Requested and Paid During the</u> Second Interim Period:

Date Served	Compensation Period	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Fees Paid	Expenses Paid	20% Fee Holdback
03/04/13	01/01/13 - 01/31/13	\$11,730.00	\$126.71	\$9,384.00	\$126.71	\$2,346.00
03/26/13	02/01/13 - 02/28/13	\$44,559.00	\$337.42	\$35,647.20	\$337.42	\$8,911.80
04/23/13	03/01/13 - 03/31/13	\$91,949.50	\$5,316.33	\$73,559.60	\$5,316.33	\$18,389.90
05/22/13	04/01/13 - 04/30/13	\$200,861.00	\$7,926.14	\$160,688.80	\$7,926.14	\$40,172.20
TOTAL:	01/01/13 - 04/30/13	\$349,099.50	\$13,706.60	\$279,279.60	\$13,706.60	\$69,819.90

# SUMMARY OF TIME CHARGES AND HOURLY RATES BY PROFESSIONAL FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013

Name of Professional & Title	Year Admitted to Practice	Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Fee Totals
Dean A. Ziehl, Partner	1978	\$975.00	38.00	\$37,050.00
Dean A. Ziehl, Partner	1978	\$487.50	7.00	\$3,412.50
Robert J. Feinstein, Partner	1982	\$975.00	51.10	\$49,822.50
Robert B. Orgel, Partner	1981	\$915.00	7.10	\$6,496.50
Henry C. Kevane, Partner	1986	\$850.00	111.60	\$94,860.00
John A. Morris, Partner	1991	\$835.00	93.00	\$77,655.00
Harry D. Hochman, Of Counsel	1987	\$695.00	2.20	\$1,529.00
Maria A. Bove, Of Counsel	2005	\$675.00	30.30	\$20,452.50
Jason H. Rosell, Associate	2010	\$450.00	116.90	\$52,605.00
Denise A. Harris, Paralegal	N/A	\$285.00	2.40	\$684.00
Thomas J. Brown, Paralegal	N/A	\$245.00	18.50	\$4,532.50
TIME CHARGES TOTAL:	478.10	\$349,099.50		
<b>Blended Hourly Rate (Attorneys</b>		\$730.18		
<b>Blended Hourly Rate (Attorneys</b>		\$752.15		

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FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013

TO THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP ("PSZJ"), co-counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby files its second interim application (the "Application") pursuant to section 330(a) of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules") for (i) interim allowance of compensation in the aggregate

amount of \$349,099.50 for professional services performed and the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the aggregate amount of \$13,706.60 incurred by PSZJ during the period commencing January 1, 2013 through and including April 30, 2013 (the "Second Interim Period"); (ii) payment of the unpaid portion of such allowed fees and expenses, including amounts held back pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order (as defined below), in the amount of \$69,819.90. In support of its Application, PSZJ respectfully represents as follows:

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Rule 2016 of the Bankruptcy Rules, and Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules.

#### BACKGROUND

- 3. On May 14, 2012 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On June 18, 2012, the Court directed the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") to appoint an examiner in these chapter 11 cases.
- 4. On May 16, 2012, the U.S. Trustee appointed the Committee. The U.S. Trustee selected the following nine (9) parties to serve as members of the Committee: (i)

Wilmington Trust, N.A.; (ii) Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas; (iii) The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.; (iv) MBIA Insurance Corporation; (v) Rowena L. Drennen; (vi) AIG Asset Management (U.S.), LLC; (vii) U.S. Bank National Association; (viii) Allstate Life Insurance Company; and (ix) Financial Guaranty Insurance Corporation.

- 5. On November 14, 2012, the Committee filed the Application of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Order Authorizing and Approving the Retention of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as Co-Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Nunc Pro Tunc to September 19, 2012 [Docket No. 2178].
- 6. On December 19, 2012, the Committee filed the Amended Application of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Order Authorizing and Approving the Retention of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as Co-Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Nunc Pro Tunc to September 19, 2012 [Docket No. 2486].
- 7. On January 9, 2013, the Court entered the *Order Approving Retention of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as Co-Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Nunc Pro Tunc to September 19*, 2012 [Docket No. 2587] (the "**Retention Order**").
- 8. On February 15, 2013, PSZJ filed the *Declaration of Robert J. Feinstein*Pursuant to Order Approving Retention of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as Co-Counsel to

  the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Nunc Pro Tunc to September 19, 2012 [Docket

  No. 2924], which discloses PSZJ's rate increases beginning January 1, 2013.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES**

9. This Application was prepared in accordance with (i) the *Amended*Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York

Bankruptcy Cases (the "Local Guidelines") established and adopted by the Court pursuant to Administrative Order M-447 and (ii) the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals [Docket No. 797] (the "Interim Compensation Order" and, together with the Local Guidelines, the "Guidelines").

- 10. Pursuant to the relevant requirements of the Guidelines, the following exhibits are annexed hereto:
  - (a) Exhibit A contains a certification by the undersigned counsel regarding compliance with the Guidelines;
  - (b) Exhibit B contains a list of PSZJ's project categories, in accordance with the activity codes recommended by the Guidelines, and the total time billed to each category;
  - (c) Exhibit C contains a billing summary of the Second Interim Period that includes the name of each attorney and paraprofessional for whose work compensation is sought, each attorney's year of bar admission, the aggregate time expended by each professional and paraprofessional and the corresponding hourly billing rate at PSZJ's current billing rates, and an indication of the individual amounts requested as part of the Application;
  - (d) <u>Exhibit D</u> contains a summary of PSZJ's total actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses and disbursements during the Second Interim Period; and
  - (e) <u>Exhibit E</u> contains PSZJ's time records and expenses for the Second Interim Period prepared and submitted in accordance with the Guidelines.

## SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES REQUESTED

11. By this Application, PSZJ seeks interim allowance of fees for professional services rendered to the Committee during the Second Interim Period in the aggregate amount of \$349,099.50 and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with such services in the aggregate amount of \$13,706.60. These amounts reflect voluntary write-offs of fees in the

amount of \$21,065.00 and expenses in the amount of \$3,075.02 taken by PSZJ prior to the submission of its Monthly Fee Statements (defined below).

12. During the Second Interim Period, PSZJ attorneys and paraprofessionals expended a total of 478.10 hours for which compensation is requested.

#### PSZJ MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS

attorneys and paraprofessionals in connection with the representation of the Committee. PSZJ submitted monthly fee statements (the "Monthly Fee Statements") to the Notice Parties (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order) in the format specified by the Guidelines, allowing each of the Notice Parties an opportunity to review and object to the Monthly Fee Statements. During the Second Interim Period, PSZJ provided the Notice Parties with the following Monthly Fee Statements:

Date Served	Compensation Period	Fees Requested	Expenses Requested	Fees Paid	Expenses Paid	20% Holdback
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14. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Order, PSZJ sought payment for 80% of fees and 100% of expenses incurred pursuant to each Monthly Fee Statement. At the time of this Application, PSZJ has received \$292,986.20, which amount

As of the date hereof, PSZJ has not received any objections to its Monthly Fee Statements.

consists of 80% of fees and 100% of expenses requested pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statements for the Second Interim Period.

15. Pursuant to this Application, PSZJ respectfully requests that the Court enter an order allowing, on an interim basis, fees in the aggregate amount of \$349,099.50 and actual and necessary expenses in the aggregate amount of \$13,706.60 incurred by PSZJ during the Second Interim Period.

#### **SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED**

- 16. Pursuant to the Retention Order, PSZJ has been retained: (a) to perform services on bankruptcy-related matters which involve negotiations, contested hearings, adversary proceedings, or other matters in which the Committee is prosecuting a position that Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP ("Kramer Levin") determines would cause an actual or potential conflict of interest; and (b) to represent the Committee on matters that can be efficiently handled by PSZJ and the transfer of which is in the Committee's best interests, as determined by Kramer Levin in consultation with the Committee, which shall consist of matters that pertain to only the following items:
  - (a) Such investigation, if any, as the Committee may desire concerning, among other things, the assets, liabilities, financial condition and operating issues concerning the Debtors that may be relevant to these chapter 11 cases;
  - (b) The prosecution of any claims brought by the Committee on behalf of the Debtors, including, without limitation, those claims described in the *Order Authorizing the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Prosecute and Settle Certain Claims on Behalf of the Debtors' Estates* [Docket No. 2518];
  - (c) Review and analysis of certain aspects of the sale of the Debtors' mortgage origination and servicing platform and portfolio of non-

- conforming held-for-sale loans and certain other securities/mortgage assets;
- (d) Such communication with the Committee's constituents and others as the Committee may consider desirable in furtherance of its responsibilities;
- (e) The preparation on behalf of the Committee of necessary applications, motions, memoranda, orders, reports, and other legal papers in furtherance of its responsibilities;
- (f) Appearances in Court, participation in litigation as a party in interest, and at statutory meetings of creditors to represent the interests of the Committee in furtherance of its responsibilities; and
- (g) Any other matters assigned to PSZJ by Kramer Levin in consultation with the Committee.
- 17. The specific services rendered by PSZJ during the Second Interim Period are summarized below. The following is not a detailed description of the work performed, as the day-to-day services and the time expended in performing such services are fully set forth in Exhibit E.
- 18. The summary of time entries is divided according to the project billing codes that best reflect the categories of tasks performed as identified by the time entries.

  However, certain of these categories may overlap with one another.

#### A. Bankruptcy Litigation

19. Time billed in this category relates to: (i) investigation of claims set forth in, research for, and drafting of, the complaint filed on February 28, 2013 by the Committee against UMB Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo, N.A (the "JSN Complaint");. 2 (ii) preparation of the motion to seal and/or redact confidential information contained in certain exhibits to the JSN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors v. UMB Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo, N.A., Adv. Pro. 13-1277 (MG).

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Complaint and documents related thereto and correspondence with relevant parties regarding the

same; (iii) correspondence, conference calls and meetings regarding the JSN Complaint with

Kramer Levin, AlixPartners, LLP, financial advisor to the Committee, and defendants' counsel;

(iv) preparation of disclosures pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7026 and confidentiality agreement;

(v) preparation of discovery plan in connection with the JSN Complaint; and (vi) preparation for

initial settlement conference with defendants.

Fees: \$306,831.00

Total hours: 408.90

В. **Case Administration** 

> 20. Time billed in this category relates to the administration of these cases,

service and filing of documents and related matters.

Fees: \$3,987.00

Total hours: 10.80

C. **Financing** 

> 21. Time billed in this category relates to revising the objection to the

Debtors' cash collateral motion and related correspondence with Kramer Levin.

Fees: \$487.50

Total hours: 0.50

D. **Meeting of Creditors** 

> 22. Time billed in this category relates to various conference calls with the

Committee regarding the status of matters being handled by PSZJ in these cases.

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Fees: \$5,655.00

Total hours: 5.80

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#### **E.** Plan and Disclosure Statement

23. Time billed in this category relates to reviewing pleadings in connection with the Debtors' motion to appoint a chief restructuring officer and motion to extend plan exclusivity and related pleadings.

Fees: \$3,502.50 Total hours: 5.10

#### F. PSZJ Compensation

24. Time billed in this category relates to services in connection with PSZJ's first interim application for compensation and reimbursement of expenses and related matters.

Fees: \$14,011.50 Total hours: 26.90

#### **G.** PSZJ Retention

25. Time billed in this category relates to the Retention Application, preparation of disclosures regarding 2013 rate increases and related matters.

Fees: \$3,105.00 Total hours: 4.00

#### H. Hearing

26. Time billed in this category relates to PSZJ attorneys' attendance at various hearings concerning the JSN Complaint and related matters.

Fees: \$8,107.50 Total hours: 9.10

#### I. Non-Working Travel

27. Time billed in this category relates to Mr. Ziehl's time spent traveling between Los Angeles and New York (billed at one-half of Mr. Ziehl's hourly rate) to attend the initial status conference on the JSN Complaint.

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Fees: \$3,412.50 Total hours: 7.00

28. The foregoing professional services performed by PSZJ were appropriate and necessary to the effective administration of these chapter 11 cases. The services performed were in the best interests of creditors, the Debtors' estates, and other parties in interest.

Compensation for the foregoing services as requested is commensurate with the complexity, importance and nature of the problems, issues, or tasks involved. The professional services were performed in an appropriately expeditious and efficient manner.

#### SUMMARY OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY DISBURSEMENTS

- 29. Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses" incurred by professionals employed under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code. PSZJ seeks reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$13,706.60 for the Second Interim Period, as detailed in the attached Exhibit D. Such amount reflects the write-offs taken pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statements.
- 30. In accordance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Guidelines, PSZJ maintains the following policies with respect to expenses for which reimbursement is sought herein:
  - (a) No amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment, or capital outlay is included in the expenses. In addition, for those items or services that PSZJ purchased or contracted from a third party (such as outside copy services), PSZJ seeks reimbursement only for the exact amount billed to PSZJ by the third party vendor and paid by PSZJ to the third party vendor.
  - (b) Photocopies were charged at 10 cents per page. To the extent practicable, PSZJ utilized less expensive outside copying services.
  - (c) Telecopying by PSZJ was charged to its clients at the cost of the long distance call required to send the facsimile. PSZJ did not impose any charge to its clients for local facsimiles, interoffice

- facsimiles or facsimiles costing less than \$1.00. PSZJ did not charge for incoming facsimiles.
- (d) Meals charged to the Debtors for PSZJ personnel do not exceed \$20 per person and are associated with out of town travel, working meetings, or dinner for PSZJ professionals working past 8:00 p.m.

#### THE REQUESTED COMPENSATION SHOULD BE ALLOWED

- 31. Section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code provides for interim compensation of professionals and incorporates the substantive standards of section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code to govern the Court's award of such compensation. 11 U.S.C. § 331. Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the Court may award a professional person employed under section 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code "reasonable compensation for actual necessary services rendered . . . and reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1).
- 32. In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded, the Court shall consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including:
  - (a) the time spent on such services;
  - (b) the rates charged for such services;
  - (c) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this title;
  - (d) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
  - (e) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and experience in the bankruptcy field; and
  - (f) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this title.

11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(3).

33. PSZJ respectfully submits that it has satisfied the requirements for the allowance of the compensation and reimbursement of expenses sought herein. The services described above, at the time they were provided, were necessary and beneficial to the Committee, the Debtors and the Debtors' estates. PSZJ's services were consistently performed in a timely manner, commensurate with the complexity of the issues facing the Committee and the nature and importance of the problems, issues, and tasks. Furthermore, the compensation sought by PSZJ is reasonable because it is based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners outside of bankruptcy. Accordingly, approval of the compensation sought herein is warranted.

#### STATEMENTS OF PSZJ PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 2016(a)

- 34. PSZJ has received a total of \$292,986.20 from the Debtors relating to fees and expenses on account of services provided by PSZJ during the Second Interim Period.
- 35. No agreement or understanding exists between PSZJ and any third person for the sharing of compensation, except as allowed by section 504(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016 with respect to the sharing of compensation between and among partners of PSZJ. All of the services for which compensation is sought in this Application were rendered at the request of, and solely on behalf of, the Committee, and not at the request of, or on behalf of, any other person or entity.

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#### **NOTICE**

36. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, notice of this Application has been given to the Notice Parties (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order). PSZJ respectfully submits that no other or further notice need be provided.

#### **NO PRIOR REQUEST**

37. No prior request for the relief sought in this Application has been made to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, PSZJ respectfully requests that the Court enter an order:

(i) allowing PSZJ interim compensation for the Second Interim Period for (a) fees in the amount of \$349,099.50 and (b) expenses in the amount of \$13,706.60; (ii) authorizing and directing the Debtors to pay PSZJ all unpaid fees and expenses for the Second Interim Period; and (iii) granting such other relief as is just and proper.

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